

## The (brief) **District A** Timeline

**District A** is a process *and* a destination, a catalyst for community development through the arts in Kennedy Heights and Pleasant Ridge, two historic city neighborhoods in Cincinnati, Ohio.

2006 Informal meetings among residents and community leaders result in their organization of a "Citizens' Planning Committee" to develop and sustain arts collaboration within Kennedy Heights and Pleasant Ridge.

2007 Together, the Community Councils of Kennedy Heights and Pleasant Ridge draft and approve a collaborative vision for shared community development through the arts.

Over 400 respondents to a community survey (accomplished in partnership with the University of Cincinnati, College of Business) report a strong interest in local arts and participation in diverse arts events *if* their cost is affordable, the events are easily accessible, and information about the events is easily acquired.

2008 In response to these survey results and the vision of the Kennedy Heights and Pleasant Ridge Community Councils, citizen leaders work with LPK to name and brand their Arts Collaboration "**District A**."

On OCT 11, 2008, the volunteer citizens' Board and more than 100 other volunteers—artists, residents, business owners and community service providers—launch **District A** with a Street Festival along Montgomery Road and a website at [www.district-a.org](http://www.district-a.org).

2009 In its first full year of operation, **District A** is living out its Mission:  
To connect art, business and community assets to stimulate and sustain community vitality and economic growth  
in Kennedy Heights and Pleasant Ridge.

"Community Conversations" have taken **District A** into diverse local establishments and brought numbers of citizens together in new ways.

New arts events have included a standing-room-only performance by Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park in a community arts venue, ballet tech Cincinnati. This success has led to planning for an entire 2009-10 "season" of Playhouse performances at multiple **District A** sites!

Stay tuned . . . we've only just begun.